

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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DATE: Thursday, December 4, 2008

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

San Diego County
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE

CALL TO ORDER 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. IBERDROLA RENEWABLES (PPM ENERGY) WILL PRESENT THEIR PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR 200 MW (or more) TULE WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN MCCAIN VALLEY. Representatives from Iberdrola will do a power point presentation and discuss their proposed industrial wind energy project slated for approximately 20,000 acres of BLM land located in McCain Valley. The project area includes Lark Canyon OHV Park and campground and the Cottonwood Camp ground. *This is an information only item and no action will be taken until the BLM presents the proposed project for public comment.*

B. POD 08-015: METEOROLOGICAL (MET) TESTING FACILITY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: At a September 24th hearing, the Board of Supervisors voted to have staff return in 120 days with a list of options on how to streamline the permitting and installation of met towers. Those speaking in support of removing the MUP requirement included SDG&E, Iberdrola Renewables, consultant Michael Stevens, and absentee property owner George Coladonato. DPLU has now asked for comments on the proposed amendment to remove the current Major Use Permit requirement and to include a definition, height exemption, and the MET Facility to the Temporary Use Regulations. MET towers are generally used for a minimum of three years to collect data to be used for potential industrial wind turbine projects. Current turbine heights exceed 400 feet in height. *Comment deadline is December 10, 2008.*

C. DRAFT EIR FOR CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FACILITY PROPOSES UP TO 1,500 BEDS FOR MENTAL AND MEDICAL HEALTH PATIENTS AT DONOVAN STATE PRISON. REQUEST THAT SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (SVP) BE ACCOMMODATED THERE : The potential for housing Sexually Violent Predators is not part of the proposed action, however, Supervisor Dianne Jacob has made the request that the potential for housing SVP's be considered. *A vote will be taken to support Supervisor Jacob's request and submit letter by December 19th deadline.*

D WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS: The Final PEIS & Maps for the proposed energy corridor have been released. The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo, area are included in the designated energy corridor for public lands which can include multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. The Cleveland National Forest route is restricted to transmission lines only. A formal legal challenge has been filed against this and other national energy corridors. New reports encourage more high-pressure gas lines in Southern California. *Action may be taken on this item.*

E. SAN DIEGO COUNTY DRAFT GENERAL PLAN OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The Draft General Plan, the first comprehensive update in 30 years, is available for a 75 day review period. It is also available online at www.sdcountry.ca.gov. No major action will be taken on this item at this meeting.

F. DARK SKY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE: In follow-up to the new community vision statement that was approved as part of the community plan update, the group will vote on filing an application for recognition as a dark sky community.

6 .OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES - POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. BLM HAS RELEASED THE RECORD OF DECISION (ROD) IMPACTING MCCAIN VALLEY: The ROD was published in the Federal Register on November 12 which starts the 30-day deadline for legal challenge. The ROD significantly downgrades the Visual Resource Management Classifications for McCain Valley to the lowest Class IV, to accommodate Iberdrola Renewables (PPM Energy), tripling the access for wind energy to over 34,000 acres. It also opens the area up for mining and geothermal energy and allows the newly proposed Sunrise Powerlink utility corridor. An update will be given.

B. SUNRISE POWERLINK PROPOSED DECISIONS HAVE BEEN RELEASED: The assigned Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision, released October 30th, denied the Sunrise Powerlink project. However, the assigned PUC commissioner supported a southern route through Boulevard, and other communities, with strict conditions. A second version relaxed some of those restrictions. PUC President Peevey proposed a third alternate decision which approves the southern route *without any* conditions. The full commission is expected to make a final decision/vote on December 18th. PUC approval may allow SDG&E to start work.

C. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): This project consists of a new cross-border 500kv transmission line 1,250 MW of wind energy with 500-600 industrial wind turbines at the border just east of Jacumba, adjacent to Big Horn Sheep Habitat and the Jacumba Wilderness Area. The amended Dept. Of Energy application states that the Sunrise Powerlink or other new transmission line will be needed to move new energy above 80 MW. The turbines will exceed 400 feet in height and will be highly visible from Boulevard, the Anza Borrego State Park, Ocotillo, and other areas. A decision is pending from the Dept. Of Energy on whether or not to require a full EIS.

D. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: The Boulevard Substation at Tule Jim and Historic Rt 80 is proposed to be expanded from 1/4 acre to 3/4 acre onto private property. 14 miles of new transmission lines (steel poles 100' tall) will be needed to connect the substation to the Southwest Powerlink at the proposed ECO Substation near Jacumba, and then to the proposed Sunrise Powerlink. SDG&E plans to file applications with the PUC. SDG&E has the right of eminent domain.

E. CAMPO LANDFILL: Release, for public comment, of the Supplemental EIS (SEIS) for this 600-acre landfill on Campo's tribal lands has been further delayed until after the first of the year. In a new development, several site-specific waiver applications, to allow deviation from standard federal landfill regulations, will be included in the SEIS rather than being reviewed separately

F. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing claims to control 7,800 Boulevard acres, including Big Country and Empire Ranch. Lansing has announced plans for a comprehensive community plan revision, covering approximately 19,000 acres, to incorporate his vision for a master-planned Boulevard—including wind energy.

G. INVENERGY WIND: Invenergy's plans for wind energy development on private land the area appear to be ongoing. They have not presented official plans. County regulations limit wind turbine height to 80 feet with strict set-back requirements. Public records show that two Boulevard property owners have signed easement agreements.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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